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Auburn Gallipoli Mosque listed on the National Trust Register

The National Trust has listed the Gallipoli Mosque at Auburn on its Register, the second mosque listed by the Trust in NSW after the Broken Hill Mosque.

National Trust advocacy manager Graham Quint said: “The Trust has recognized the mosque’s landmark qualities beside the Main Western Railway Line and the building’s beautiful interiors which are enhanced by the various Turkish-artisan designed and imported finishes and fixtures. The Mosque incorporates classic Ottoman architecture characterised by the central dome and minarets and its carpet was designed in Istanbul. The exterior’s qualities are enhanced by the marble and stone imported from Turkey”.

“The Trust also recognizes this building’s significance to the Australian Turkish Muslim community as a centre for religion and for the Islamic community, providing linguistic education, community and cultural activities,” said Mr Quint.

The construction of the mosque began in 1986 and was completed in 1999, funded by community donations, which raised a total of \$6,900,000.00

In the early 70s the Auburn Turkish community purchased a house on the site of the current Mosque, which they used as a place of worship. Over the years adjacent sites were purchased and the property consolidated.

The Auburn Gallipoli Mosque has been named in honour of the unity and early relationship between Turkey and Australia during World War I in Gallipoli (Gelibolu). Today the relationship between these two nations is further reinforced as the Turkish flag is displayed at ANZAC marches.

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